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– CLAIM AMENDMENTS –

Please amend the claims as follows so that a complete listing of the pending claims reads as follows:

- I. (Currently Amended) A method for responding to digital vehicle requests, the method comprising:
 - receiving a voice query by a telematics unit, wherein the telematics unit comprises at least one analog digital converter;
 - converting the voice query to a compressed digital signal wherein a compression algorithm compresses the voice query signal at more than two times the compression ratio of human recognizable audio data compression and wherein converting the voice query comprises compressing the voice query digital signal at the telematics unit;
 - transmitting the signal to a call center node in communication with an information database via a wireless network;
 - parsing the signal at the call center node to determine an inquiry;
 - accessing the information database based on the inquiry;
 - formulating at least one response to the inquiry wherein the formulated response is compressed to allow a user of the telematics unit to understand the formulated response;
 - transmitting the at least one formulated response in a digital format over the wireless network to the telematics unit; and
 - translating the at least one formulated response to an analog format at the at least one analog digital converter.

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2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
optimizing the telematics unit for transmission of the voice query to a
computer call center node.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
filtering the received voice query before converting it to the digital
signal.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
transmitting the signal to the call center using a packet data
connection.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein transmitting the at least one
formulated response in a digital format over the wireless network to the telematics
unit comprises:
transmitting the at least one formulated response in a digital streaming
audio format.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the analog digital converter
further comprises a reversible digital analog converter.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein transmitting information via
the wireless network further comprises transmitting information via an Internet
protocol.

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9 (Original) A computer usable medium including a program for responding to digital vehicle requests comprising:

computer readable program code for receiving a voice query by a telematics unit, wherein the telematics unit comprises computer readable program code for at least one analog digital converter;

computer readable program code for converting the voice query to a compressed digital signal, the computer readable program code including computer readable program code for compressing the voice query digital signal at the telematics unit and wherein the computer readable program code includes compression algorithm code to compresses the voice query signal at more than two times the compression ratio of human recognizable audio data compression, and wherein the formulated response is compressed to allow a user of the telematics unit to understand the formulated response.;

computer readable program code for transmitting the signal to a call center node in communication with an information database via a wireless network;

computer readable program code for parsing the signal at the call center node to determine an inquiry;

computer readable program code accessing the information database based on the inquiry;

computer readable program code for formulating at least one response to the inquiry;

computer readable program code for transmitting the at least one formulated response in a digital format over the wireless network to the telematics unit; and

computer readable program code for translating the formulated responses to an analog format at the at least one analog digital converter.

10. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 9 further comprising:

computer readable program code for optimizing the telematics unit for transmission of the voice query to a computer call center node.

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11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 9 wherein computer readable program code for transmitting information via the wireless network further comprises computer readable program code for transmitting information via an Internet protocol.

13. (Currently Amended) A system for responding to digital vehicle requests, the system comprising:

means for receiving a voice query by a telematics unit, wherein the telematics unit comprises means for at least one digital converter;

means for converting the voice query to a compressed digital signal,
the means including means for compressing the voice query digital signal at the telematics unit wherein the means for compressing compresses the voice query signal at more than two times the compression ratio of human recognizable audio data compression, and wherein the formulated response is compressed to allow a user of the telematics unit to understand the formulated response;

means for transmitting the signal to a call center node in communication with an information database via a wireless network;

means for parsing the signal at the call center node to determine an inquiry;

means for accessing the information database based on the inquiry;

means for formulating at least one response to the inquiry;

means for transmitting the at least one formulated response in a digital format over the wireless network to the telematics unit; and

means for translating the formulated responses to an analog format at the at least one analog digital converter.

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14. (Original) The system of claim 13 further comprising:
means for optimizing the telematics unit for transmission of the voice query to a computer call center node.
15. (Original) The system of claim 14 further comprising:
means for filtering the received voice query before converting it to the digital signal.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Original) The system of claim 13 further comprising:
means for transmitting the signal to the call center using a packet data connection.
18. (Original) The system of claim 13 further comprising:
means for transmitting the at least one formulated response in a digital streaming audio format.
19. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the means for the analog digital converter further comprises means for a reversible digital analog converter.
20. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein transmitting information via the wireless network further comprises means for transmitting information via an Internet protocol.